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SUBJ: MEDICAL CARE SOUGHT FOR MAULANA BHASHANI

1. POLITICAL SECRETARY TO MAULANA BHASHANI CALLED ON EMBASSY OFFICER NOVEMBER 8 TO SOUND OUT POSSIBILITY THAT USG MIGHT INVITE MAULANA BHASHANI TO AMERICA FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. MD. AZIZ ISLAM, WHO DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS 20 YEAR ASSOCIATE OF AND FOR LAST FEW YEARS POLITICAL SECRETARY TO BHASHANI, SAID THAT THE MAULANA IS SUFFERING FROM HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, COLITIS, AND BRONCHIAL PNEUMONIA. EMBOFF OFFERED ISLAM NO REPT NO ENCOURAGEMENT THAT USG WOULD CONSIDER HIS SUGGESTION.

2. ALTHOUGH THE MAULANA'S HEALTH WAS STATED PURPOSE FOR CALL, ISLAM CONVEYED NO SENSE OF URGENCY IN MAKING HIS SUGGESTION AND HAD TO BE ASKED WHAT SPECIFICALLY AILED BHASHANI. ISLAM SEEMED MORE CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET AND INDIAN INFLUENCE IN BANGLADESH AND DISSIDENCE WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY. THUS HIS CALL FALLS IN LINE WITH OTHER NAP/BHASHANI APPROACHES FOR ASSISTANCE AND IDENTIFICATION WITH THE U.S. THAT WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING FROM TIME TO TIME.

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